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Q. What is your occupation ?

A. Patrolman, City of New Brunswick.

Q. On the 14th of September, 1922, did you have the same occupation ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you called to view two bodies which had been found on the morning of Saturday, September 16th, in Somerset County ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where did you go ?

A. I was at Police Headquarters when the call came in.

Q. What was the call, do you know ?

A. That there was a murder at DeRussey's Lane.

Q. Will you tell about what time that was ?

A. That was about twenty minutes of eleven, I should judge.

Q. What did you do ?

A. I went out of the station and going through the Court Yard I met a man by the name of George Cathers.

Q. A policeman ?

A. No, a citizen, and he had an automobile and I told him where I wanted to go and asked him to drive me up there. I got in the car and going up Easton Avenue I met Officer James Curran at the corner of Easton Avenue and Bristol Street. I told him where I was going and for him to get in the car. We drove up to DeRussey's Lane, that is on Easton Avenue, just as you turn in the lane, to the left, and I met Raymond Schneider there and he brought us up to where the bodies laid.



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Q. Where did you find the bodies ?

A. As you go up DeRussey's Lane to the left off Easton Avenue. Then there is a driveway into the left again and they were laying in off the driveway in the field there.

Q. Was anybody near them when you got there ? A. No.

Q. Now, will you describe the condition you found the bodies in ? What condition were they in ?

A. Why, they seemed to be all right. They were laid out there perfect. Mrs. Mills was resting on the minister's right arm. His panama hat was down over his face and his name card was placed right at the heel of his shoe.

Q. What was that card, do you remember what it said ?

A. "Reverend Hall, Church of Saint John the Evangelist, New Brunswick, New Jersey."

Q. Where was that card, stuck in his shoe or beside ---

A. Just placed alongside of his shoe.

Q. Do you remember which foot it was alongside of ? The one nearest Mrs. Mills or the one away from her ?

A. I think the one away from her, I am not positive.

Q. What position was it in, flat on the ground or propped up against his shoe ?

A. It was propped up against his shoe.

Q. And what was the position of his hands ? You say she was on his right hand ? A. Yes.

Q. Was his hand under her head ?



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A. His hand was under her head.

Q. And her head was resting on his forearm ?

A. Well, about on this part of the arm.

Q. That is between the wrist and the elbow ?

A. About that, yes.

Q. What was the condition of her clothing, was her hat on or off ?

A. I kind of think her hat was a little to the side of her head.

Q. And was there any blood around there ?

A. No. Mrs. Mills on the neck from ear to ear was a mass of maggots just about even with her chin.

Q. Could you tell whether her throat had been cut or not when you made the examination ?

A. No, I could not.

Q. Then did you see these letters that people say were scattered along the body ?

A. There were some letters torn and thrown around the body.

Q. Did you see any letters that weren't torn ?

A. Not that I remember.

Q. But you saw letters that were torn ?

A. Torn, yes.

Q. Did you take those letters or did someone else take them ?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. How long were you there ?



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A. I got there maybe about ten minutes of eleven and I was there until halfpast twelve or going to one o'clock.

Q. You watched the bodies all the time ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. They weren't disturbed up to the time you left ?

A. No, sir, not while I was there.

Q. Why did you leave ? You found it was in Somerset County and didn't belong to you at all ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did the ground there show any struggle at all as if a fight of any kind ?

A. No, I didn't take notice of that.

Q. Just lying down ?

A. Just lying there.

Q. Can you place them with reference to the crabapple tree where they were lying ? Some people talk about a crabapple tree. Did you see that ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where were they lying with reference to that ?

A. Why, a little in towards the road. That is the road driving in from Easton Avenue.

Q. Schneider says when he got there he saw a chain going from the vest to the pocket. Do you remember seeing that chain ?

A. No, sir, I do not.

Q. As far as you remember there was no jewelry on him ?



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A. Not as I know of.

Q. Where were his glasses, were they resting in a normal position on his face with the bows behind the ears?

A. I couldn't see, his panama hat was down over his face.

Q. You didn't lift the hat?

A. No, sir, I didn't lift the hat.

Q. Who took the card? We are having some trouble in finding the card. Can you tell who took the card?

A. I couldn't say who took it, but one of the reporters from the Daily Home News was there and he picked up the card and looked at it.

Q. Did he put it down again? A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember his name?

A. I don't remember the name, no.

Q. Would you know him if you saw him?

A. I don't know if I would. I might and might not.

MR. SIMPSON: Is Mr. Wray here?

(Mr. Daniel Wray arises in court room)

Q. Is that the man? A. No, sir.

MR. SIMPSON: Mr. Deiner?

(Mr. Frank Deiner arises in court room)

A. No, sir.

MR. SIMPSON: Mr. Cardinal?

(Mr. Alfred Cardinal arises in court room)

Q. Is that the man with the hat away back there?



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A. I couldn't swear to it.

Q. Did he look like him.

A. The name sounds familiar to me. I haven't seen him since that time that I remember.

Q. Who else visited here since that time the reporter you have named, the officer you have named, did anybody else come here, the sheriff of Somerset?

A. Yes, Detective Totten, Doctor Long and another gentleman, I think was Mr. Conklin, I think, came there.

Q. While you were there?

A. While I were there. I left just after they came there.

Q. Who did you say you found at the bodies when you got there?

A. Raymond Schneider. He brought me up where the bodies were laying.

Q. Where did you and Schneider ---

A. I met a man by the name of Stryker that lives on Easton Avenue just before you turn into DeRussey's Lane.

Q. But you met Schneider on your way in?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How far did you have to go with him until you got to the bodies?

A. Well, we drove up DeRussey's Lane from Easton Avenue in the car and then got out and walked to the land to the left where the bodies were found.



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Q. How far did you have to walk ?

A. Well, it isn't very far, maybe twice the length of this room here.

Q. You didn't take any clothing ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You left them just as you found them ?

A. Just as I found it, yes, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. PFETTER:

Q. I understand, Officer, you didn't pick up any of the cards or letters or anything else that you found scattered around the bodies ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You didn't touch the bodies ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You didn't take off Doctor Hall's straw hat ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Now, you went out with Mr. Cathers, did you say ?

A. Mr. George Cathers, yes.

Q. Your point was you were in a hurry to get out there and his car was in the yard ?

A. I met his car on Spring Street, I think it was.

Q. Did he take you all the way out ?

A. He took me all the way out to DeRussey's Lane, yes, sir.

Q. Was he present when you met Raymond Schneider ?

A. Yes.

Q. And did he go with you and Raymond Schneider to the place



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where the bodies were ?

A. He walked in from his car in the lane to where the bodies were laying.

Q. And was he there for some little time while you were there ?? A. Well, he was for a short while, not very long.

Q. I see, he didn't stay until you left, did he ?

A. No.

Q. He was there five or ten minutes ?

A. Yes, all of that.

Q. Was he there, do you recall, when Sheriff Conklin and Mr. Totten and Doctor Long arrived ? A. Yes.

Q. Mr. Cathers was still there then ?

A. Well, I am not positive about that whether he was there then or not. I couldn't say about that whether he was there, Mr. Cathers was there or not.

Q. Then upon the arrival of Mr. Totten and Sheriff Conklin and Doctor Long you were relieved of duty and you came back to the City of New Brunswick ? A. Yes, sir.

MR. PFEIFFER: That is all.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q. Do you know anything about any message to the police Hall from the/home after the Doctor disappeared ?

A. No, sir, I did not.

MR. SIMPSON: That is all.

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